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# 1994 Regatta Court

## Princess Allison Fitcha

Allison Fitcha represents Warrenton on the Regatta Court. The daughter of Beckie Fitcha of Warrenton and John Fitcha of Portland, she graduated from Warrenton High School this spring.

In school she was voted class president in both her freshman and junior years. She participated in numerous activities, including basketball, volleyball, band, Key Club and Girls' League. She is a member of the National Honor Society.

In addition to other extracurricular activities, she has helped with a Red Cross blood drive, beach cleanup and tree-planting project.

Fitcha has worked as an assistant at two boarding kennels and has worked at Burger King and North Coast Fred Meyer.

She plans to attend Oregon State University in Corvallis to major in wildlife studies.



## Princess Kallie Edney

Kallie Edney of Seaside graduated from Seaside High School this spring. She is the daughter of Karla Warn and Bruce Edney of Seaside. In school she was a member of the varsity cross-country and swim teams, a member of the National Honor Society and received the Scholar Athlete Award. Her artwork has been displayed at the Cowapa League Art Show.

Edney has served as a junior leader in 4-H horse and outdoor programs and participated in food drives and beach cleanup.

For more than a year, Edney has worked at the Seaside Civic and Convention Center. In the past she also has worked for the Seaside Aquarium and Bruce's Candy Kitchen. She plans to attend the University of Oregon in Eugene this fall.



## Princess Danielle Chiacco

Danielle Chiacco is the Knappa princess for 1994 Regatta. She graduated from Knappa High School this spring. Her parents are Linda Cheuvront and Dominic Chiacco.

While at Knappa High School, she participated in student council, Future Business Leaders of America, Thespians, ski club and drama club. She was a cheerleader and wrote for the school newspaper and yearbook. She is a member of the National Honor Society, and she has volunteered for blood drives, Students Against Drunk Driving and the Adopt-a-Highway program. She earned an excellence award in Spanish.

Chiacco plans to attend Oregon State University in Corvallis to study international communications.



## Princess Kristin Wentworth

The Regatta's Astoria princess, Kristin Wentworth, graduated with honors from Astoria High School this spring. Her parents are Norman and Elizabeth Wentworth of Astoria. At Astoria High School she was an athlete on the track and field team and a scholar accepted into the National Honor Society. She was also involved in Future Business Leaders of America, Key Club, Astoria Students Assistance Program and band, among other activities.

She has earned awards including the Linfield College Track Talent Award, the Cowapa All-League Scholar Athlete Award for track, and an Astoria Rotary Club Scholarship. She placed first in the region in a writing contest sponsored by the Portland Trail Blazers and volunteers to coach soccer.

She plans to attend Clatsop Community College and Linfield College to study education and psychology.



### Regatta in Retrospect

Royalty became a part of Regatta tradition a few years after the festival's inception. The first Regatta queen, Mrs. C.W. Goslin, was selected in 1897. She was the wife of the Regatta chairman—a tradition that lasted for several years. Later the Regatta crown would be worn by the woman who sold the most Regatta buttons. By 1913, the Regatta court had grown to 16 princesses, and Admiral William P. Morgan sported a large auxiliary staff with military-style titles and an elaborate command system. Today the Regatta court is selected from local high school students.



### On the Cover

1994 Regatta princesses (clockwise from top) Kristin Wentworth, Danielle Chiacco, Allison Fitcha and Kallie Edney pose on the Shoofly, a 28-foot bowpicker owned by Art Reith. The Shoofly, one of the oldest boats on the Columbia, was built of Port Orford cedar in 1928; the builder is unknown.

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# A century's worth of fun

The theme of the centennial Astoria Regatta Festival is "Then and Now - Looking to the Future." It begins Wednesday, Aug. 10, with the arrival of visiting ships.

That evening, Admiral Les AuCoin will crown one of four princesses as Regatta queen at the Clatsop Community College Performing Arts Center. Ceremonies at 7:30 p.m. will be followed by a reception at the Columbia River Maritime Museum. (See story Page 6.)

Admission to coronation and reception is by a \$3 Regatta button, which is also good for Regatta Square events later in the week.

Festival activities include ship tours at the 17th Street Dock, scenic waterfront tours departing every hour from the West Basin, and historic tours of Astoria homes.

A rose bush will be planted in special garden ceremonies at the Flavell House on Saturday, and softball and tennis tournaments will test athletic mettle on fields and courts around town.

For visual thrills, festivalgoers can watch parades on land and water (see story page 16). U.S. Coast Guard rescue demonstrations, fireboat demonstrations by the Harry Steinbock, a roller blade hockey exhibition, fireworks, a water ski stunt team, and not least of all, swashbuckling pirates marauding about town.

A highlight of this year's activities will be a tour of historic homes sponsored by the Clatsop County Historical Society. All of the homes on this year's tour belong to former members of Regatta courts (See story

Page 8).

This year, Regatta Square, the land-

County Fairgrounds, 20th Street and Marine Drive (see map Page 10).

Here you'll find arts and crafts, food booths, folklore, games and entertainment.

The square is the place to be for the beer garden and musical performances ranging from rock-and-roll to symphonic sounds (see schedule Page 11). A fresh salmon barbecue will be held in the square from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday. Saturday night at 8 p.m., a band jamboree for youth ages 14-19 will raise the roof at the Masonic Temple. The jamboree, sponsored by Flying Barney's coffee house, is a fundraiser for Seaside Youth Center.

Back on the water and back by popular demand is the Portland

Water Spectacular. The water stunt team will perform on the Columbia River Saturday at 4 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. and Sunday at 4 p.m. Spectators can watch from the East End Basin, 36th Street and Leif Erikson Drive. (See story Page 18.)

Helicopter rides by Conquest Helicopters of Troutdale will be offered at the east end of the Maritime Museum.

The museum itself is offering discounted admission to anyone wearing a Regatta button.

Fireworks will burst in the air over the river Saturday at 10 p.m. at the foot of 17th Street.

Each night of the festival, Astor Street Opry Company's musical melodrama, "Shanghaied in Astoria," will unfold on stage at the Eagles Lodge, 894 Commercial Street. Call 325-6104 for information.

## Regatta in Retrospect

Activities featured at the first Regatta in 1894 included boat races of all sorts, swimming contests, and a fireman's hose race down Commercial Street. (Winner: Station Two).

The highlight of the three-day celebration was the competition between the sloops Columbia and Manzanita.

Each vessel was gaily decorated with its own colors as it lined up at the starting point, and women on shore waved ribbons and scarves in matching shades distributed by crew members.

The 14th Infantry Band "played lustily," according to newspaper reports.

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# One hundred years of Regatta race by

Though the first formal Regatta was organized in 1894, the annual Astoria event has its origins in local races between skippers of plungers (sailboats that carried the mails) going as far back as the 1870s.

The first Regatta was started on a lark. A casual conversation about boat races at the Astoria Athletic Club was overheard by a reporter for The Daily Astorian who decided that this sounded like a capital idea. He took the brainstorm to John Rathom, young editor of The Astorian, who declared that a regatta (a fancy name for a boat race) was just what the city needed.

The first Astoria Regatta was timed to coincide with the end of the commercial salmon fishing season. (In those days, only the premium spring and summer chinook runs were packed, and the season ran from May through August.)

The Astoria Regatta was the first community festival of its kind in the Pacific Northwest, predating Portland's Rose Festival and other such events by several years. However, due to the realities of small-town life, interruptions by two world wars, and heavy dependency on volunteer efforts, the centennial Regatta of 1994 does not actually mark the 100th annual festival by that measure.

During the early years, the Regatta depended on individual efforts of community boosters, who seem to have made an annual ritual of calling off the event due to lack of interest. Most years, others stepped in with renewed enthusiasm to take over, but the years 1902 and 1909 passed without annual celebration.

World War I brought a halt to the annual event, which was not revived during the 1920s, probably because of the efforts required to rebuild the town after the catastrophic fire of 1922, which laid waste to the entire downtown business district of Astoria.

Members of the Astoria Yacht Club elected to revive the Regatta in 1932, partly as a high social event and partly as a general tonic for the ill common to most communities during the Great Depression. The year following, the Anchor Club was founded to help organize the festival and has continued to be the Regatta's principal support group.

World War II was the cause of another hiatus, begun in 1942. The

festival resumed again in 1952 and has continued to the present.

As the name implies, early Regattas were organized around water-related events. In 1894, four boats qualified for the first Regatta race. The starting line was off Flavel Dock at the foot of 11th Street, and the course rounded a buoy a mile upriver. The winning entry completed the course in 25.5 minutes.

The next race was for double-scutt fishboats – the now-familiar "butterfly fleet" of sailing gillnetters and Shoalwater oyster sloops, sails spread wing on wing before the wind. In fact, most photos of the fishing fleet with sails spread like the wings of butterflies appear to have been taken during these early Regatta fishboat races.

The early sailing gillnet boats used but a single sprit sail, but during the Regatta, a second sail was spread on a whisker pole opposite the main. Many carried a jib as well. A careful look at the crews will indicate three and four people on each boat, while the fishing was usually done by a crew of no more than two.



COLUMBIA RIVER MARITIME MUSEUM photo

A steamship and sailboats cruise the Columbia River during the Regatta of 1899. In the festival's early years, water events – especially boat races – were the focus of attention. Fishing boats, cannery tenders and sloops raced against each other for prizes of \$50 or \$25.

By 1897, the Astoria Regatta had expanded to a four-day festival, replete with royalty. The first Regatta

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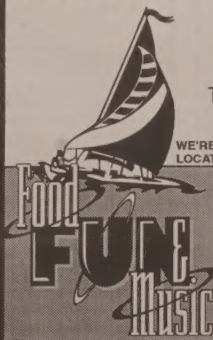
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## 1993's queen bids farewell

Although my official reign as Regatta Queen is coming to an end, I will look back on the past two years with many happy memories and a greater sense of pride for the community I've represented.

As I pass on my crown and scepter to the new queen, I feel confident that she will value the meaning and tradition behind them. Each member of the 1994 court has her own spark and unique style to make an outstanding queen.

As I say goodbye, I also say thank you to the Regatta Association, the Anchor Club and all the community organizations that make this experience possible. The opportunities presented to us have been endless, and I cannot say thank you enough.

It has been an honor to represent this community through Regatta. As I step down, I want to wish the new queen the best of luck, and may her reign be as memorable as mine.

## Regatta in Retrospect

Splendid displays of pomp marked some of the early Regattas. In 1908, Queen Hattie Wise, daughter of Mayor Herman Wise, wore a gown of brocaded silk with an 8-foot train, handmade lace bodice, and with the neck stiffened by whalebone and decorated with hand-sewn pearls.

## Coronation kicks off five days of festivity

Admiral Les AuCoin will crown 1994's Regatta queen in a ceremony starting at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Clatsop Community College Performing Arts Center, 16th Street and Franklin Avenue.

He will crown one of four young women - Danielle Chiacco, Kallie Edney, Allison Fitcha and Kristin Wentworth - to reign during five days of Astoria's centennial Regatta.

This year's master of ceremonies will be Chuck Farmer, former Regatta Association president. U.S. Coast Guard Air Station Astoria will provide color guard and escort. Dancer Karrie Renfrew and Miss Clatsop County Rachel Rubins will provide entertainment.

A public reception for the newly crowned queen will follow at the Columbia River Maritime Museum. Admission to both the coronation and reception is by Regatta button, \$3.

On Thursday, a queen's luncheon will be held at noon in the Chinook Room of the Red Lion Inn, 400 Industry St. off West Marine Drive.

Miss Clatsop County Rachel Rubins will provide entertainment. Cost is \$8.75 for buffet; reservations are required. Call Diane Service, 325-0462; Irene Baltimore, 861-1373; Marcie Overbey, 325-7543; or Trish Walters, 325-5278.

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## Admiral AuCoin, aide Foster preside over Regatta

Former U.S. Rep. Les AuCoin is the admiral for the 1994 Regatta.

AuCoin is chairman of the Bogle & Gates Government Relations Group and works with the firm's Pacific Northwest clients.

Before joining Bogle & Gates, AuCoin represented Oregon's 1st District in the U.S. House for nine terms.



Les AuCoin

Michael Foster is admiral's aide.

A native Astorian, he has been the librarian at Astoria High School since 1976. He owns Michael's Antiques and Art Gallery and is also an interior design consultant and artist. Foster serves on the board



Michael Foster

of directors of several local organizations. He is a life member of the Columbia River Maritime Museum and the Clatsop County Historical Society.

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## History: A look back

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ta queen was Mrs. C.W. Goslin, wife of the Regatta chairman — a tradition that lasted for several years.

Later the Regatta queen would be the woman who sold the most Regatta buttons. Today the court is selected from local high school students.

For many years, coronation ceremonies were held at Gyro Field, (now Warren Field, south of Clatsop County Fairgrounds), but in 1940, plans were made to move them to a waterfront pavilion built on the dock between 15th and 17th streets. Western Towing Co. provided a barge that was elaborately decorated, complete with throne staging, so that the queen could be crowned on the Columbia River.

News reports hailed the Regatta committee for moving the coronation out of the woods and over the water.

Unfortunately, a fire the night before the coronation reduced the pavilion, the barge and the throne to ashes.

That year, Queen Jean Pauling was crowned back "in the woods" at Gyro Field.

For many years, the water events were the principal attraction of the Astoria Regatta.

An article from the August 1915 issue of Pacific Motorboat magazine is representative of this period.

"For 20 years the annual regatta has been the big boating event that the Pacific Northwest has looked forward to and with the coming of the speed motor boat the Astoria Regatta has taken on added importance.

"The fastest records made by any speed boats on the Pacific Coast have been made at Astoria, and it is there that the famous Wolff boats, the Milton Smith speeders and many others of lesser speed have made their fastest miles.

"Starting with races in which hundreds of sailing fish boats were the contestants, the regattas have gradually changed till today the motor boats have first place and the sailing races are but a side issue.

"Astoria has always been one of the most hospitable cities on the Pacific, and her citizens unite in giving the visiting motor boat men a fine time from the moment they arrive within the corporate limits."

Sources for this article include the Spring 1994 issue of Quarterdeck, a publication of the Columbia River Maritime Museum.

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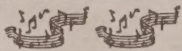
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The Eben Tallant House, 1574 Grand Ave., was home to two Regatta queens, Louise Tallant, who reigned in 1900, and her sister Harriet, who wore the crown in 1907. Built in 1895, the large house with hanging turret is now Grandview Bed and Breakfast.

The Martin and Lily Foard House, 690 17th St., was the home of two Regatta princesses, sisters Martha and Freda Foard, members of the 1906 court. An ornate Victorian dating to 1892, the house is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is known for its eye-catching color scheme. It is also a bed and breakfast inn.

The Elmore Apartments, 687 14th St., were once a single-family residence, built in 1892 by Charles and Annie Page. After divorcing, Annie married William O. Wilkison, and they raised his niece, Frances Thomas, who was 1903 Regatta queen. At least one of the 11 apartments in the building will be open during the tour.

The Thomas and Jean Sandoz House, 1320 15th St., was the home of 1955's Regatta queen, Sue Sandoz. Sue will be on hand during the tour to help her mother greet visitors. The home was built in 1942.

The Eric "Skip" and Audrey Hauke house, 1600 Coxcomb Drive, sits on the hill above Clatsop Community College. It qualifies because 1993 Regatta Court chaperone Peg Steinnmeyer lives here.



KARL MAASDAM photo  
1955 Regatta queen Sue Sandoz, right, and her mother, Jean Sandoz, will greet visitors at their 1942 home on the historic tour.

Built in 1980, the home stands apart from the Victorians usually featured on the tour, but is well worth a visit.

The Benjamin Young house, 3652 Duane St., was built in 1888 by the grandfather of Josephine Waffie, 1934 Regatta queen. She married Harry Swanson and headed Astoria High School's English department for many years. The home, now KC's Mansion By the Sea bed and breakfast, will be open Sunday only.

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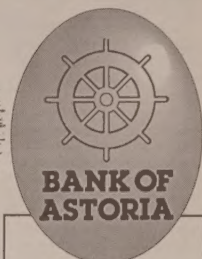
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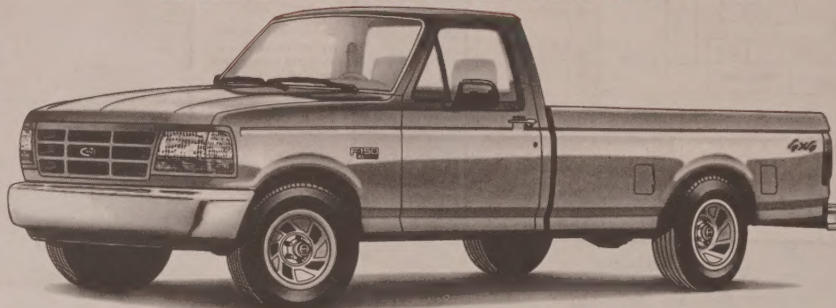
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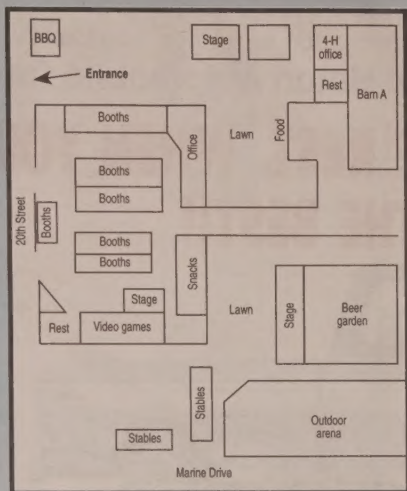
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Making random appearances at Regatta events will be the Seafair Pirates, a Seattle-area group that likes to relive the swashbuckling days of Captain Kidd at fund-raisers and civic events throughout the Northwest.

## Regatta rhythms

There will be continuous entertainment at Regatta Square for the festival's 100th anniversary. A complete schedule will be posted at the square and published Regatta week, but here's a sample of what to expect.

The headline band at Pirates' Den Beer Garden in the Square Friday and Saturday, Aug. 13 and 14, will be Thunder Road, an Astoria band that has been performing on the North Coast and in the Portland area for the past 10 years. The band serves up a danceable mix of classic rock and rockin' blues.

Beforehand on Friday, local entertainers will take the stage from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

On Saturday, Al Anderson will perform from 10 a.m. to noon, the Tacoma Pipe Band will blow away the crowd and the Seattle Seafair Pirates will roam the grounds, plundering and pillaging at will.

Sunday's lineup includes the David Drury Trio, the Pacific Jazz Band and the North Coast Symphonic Band.



Thunder Road members are, from left, Bill Tynkila, Dave Holdridge, Nancy Tynkila and Niall Carroll.



by Duoss,

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### Wednesday, August 10

**Ships Tours** - 17th Street Dock from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.  
**Queen's Coronation** - Clatsop Community College Performing Arts Center at 7:30 p.m.  
**Queen's Reception** to follow at Columbia River Maritime Museum

### Thursday, August 11

**Queen's Luncheon** - Red Lion Inn at noon  
**Ships Tours** - 17th Street Dock from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.  
**Kiwanis Junior Regatta Parade** - Downtown Astoria at 6:30 p.m.  
**"Shanghaied in Astoria"** - Eagles Lodge at 7:30 p.m.

### Friday, August 12

**Scenic Astoria Waterfront Boat Tours** - Departing every hour from the West Basin  
**Softball Tournament** - Locations throughout Astoria all day  
**Helicopter Rides** - Departing from the east end of Maritime Museum 10 a.m. - dusk  
**Admirals Scholarship Luncheon** - Red Lion Inn at noon  
**Ships Tours** - 17th Street Dock from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.  
**Rose Planting Ceremony** - In the Flavel House garden at 2:30 p.m.  
**Regatta Square** - Clatsop County Fairgrounds 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
**"Shanghaied in Astoria"** - Eagles Lodge at 7:30 p.m.  
**Pirates' Den Beer Garden** - In Regatta Square at the fairgrounds 8 p.m.-midnight  
 (must be 21 or older to enter)

### Saturday, August 13

**Scenic Astoria Waterfront Boat Tours** - Departing every hour from the West Basin  
**Tennis Tournament** - At city courts beginning at 8 a.m.  
**Softball Tournament** - Locations throughout Astoria all day  
**Elk Buccaneer Breakfast** - Elks Lodge 7 a.m.-11 a.m.  
**Regatta Square** - Clatsop County Fairgrounds 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
**Helicopter Rides** - Departing from the east end of Maritime Museum 10 a.m. - dusk  
**Fireboat Demonstration** - The Harry S. Steinbock at 17th Street Dock 10 a.m.  
**Grand Land Parade** - Downtown Astoria at noon  
**Ships Tours** - 17th Street Dock from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.  
**Historic Home Tours** - 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.  
**Salmon Barbecue** - Regatta Square at fairgrounds 2 p.m. - 6 p.m.  
**Coast Guard Helicopter Search and Rescue Demonstration** - 17th Street Dock 2:30 p.m.  
**Roller Blade Hockey Exhibition** - Behind Regatta Square 3 p.m.  
**Portland Water Spectacular** - East End Mooring Basin 4 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.  
**Twilight Boat Parade** - From West Basin up the waterfront 7 p.m.  
**"Shanghaied in Astoria"** - Eagles Lodge at 7:30 p.m.  
**Pirates' Den Beer Garden** - In Regatta Square at the fairgrounds 8 p.m.-midnight  
**Band Jamboree** - Masonic Temple 8 p.m.-11:30 p.m. For ages 14 to 19  
**Fireworks** over the Columbia 10 p.m.

### Sunday, August 14

**Scenic Astoria Waterfront Boat Tours** - Departing every hour from the West Basin  
**Tennis Tournament** - At city courts beginning at 8 a.m.  
**Softball Tournament** - Locations throughout Astoria all day  
**Elk Buccaneer Breakfast** - Elks Lodge 7 a.m.-11 a.m.  
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**Portland Water Spectacular** - East End Mooring Basin 4 p.m.

# Regatta sails smoothly with help of its crew

**L**es McNary, manager of the Seaside Civic and Convention Center, is president of the Astoria Regatta Association. "I was honored to be selected as president of Regatta," McNary says. "It's a good feeling to represent the fine community of Astoria and the traditions of 100 years of Regatta."

McNary came to the North Coast in 1987 from Yakima, Wash., where he managed the Yakima Valley Visitors and Convention Bureau and the Yakima Convention Center. A graduate of Jefferson High School in Portland, McNary has been a member of the Seaside Chamber of Commerce and Seaside Rotary Club. He belongs to the Oregon Tourism Alliance and the Clatsop Economic Development Council.

He says this year's Regatta theme, "Then and Now - Looking to the Future," encompasses the past



Les McNary

water-related tourism, expanded fisheries and other commercial uses such as sightseeing and ecotourism in our wetlands," McNary says.

By the end of this year's season, Regatta members will have attended 19 parades and festivals throughout the Northwest, McNary says. "The Regatta Association float and royalty have represented the North Coast in a most positive and honorable manner. Because of television coverage and parade crowds, millions

of people have seen our Regatta float and been reminded that Astoria is a great place to visit."

Becki Haglund-Smith is 1994 anchor skipper. She has lived in the Astoria area for 22 years and has worked periodically for Clatsop Community College. She and her husband, David Smith, are partners in

Rieck and Smith Paving Company Inc. Haglund-Smith has been a member of the Anchor Club for 10 years and also belongs to the Astoria Regatta Association. She has volunteered for the Clatsop County Fair and is a bell ringer at First Presbyterian



Becki Haglund-Smith

Church. She has been a member of OAAE for 10 years and has served on its state board for nine years. Becki has a master's degree in education from Oregon State University.

**K**aren Martens assumed the role of Regatta court escort upon the departure this spring of Lynn Wallace, former

executive director of the Astoria Chamber of Commerce. Martens has lived in Clatsop County all her life. For the past 19 years she has

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Karen Martens

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## Regatta in Retrospect

The challenges of organizing and funding the Regatta are not new.

In April 1896, committees started working on that year's event. In June they all resigned in exasperation, saying, "It's impossible to get people to work and impossible to raise money for prizes and advertising."

A front page story in the Astoria Daily Budget prompted local business owners to step in. They promised to canvass the town for donations and to publish the names of contributors in the newspaper.

The Regatta was saved, and publicized generosity turned out to be a successful approach that was followed in ensuing years.

In 1897, organizers reported donations totaling \$2,770 — from the Anchor Saloon (\$10), Judge J.Q.A. Bowlby (\$20), floral shop owner August Erickson (\$50), and numerous gifts of 50 cents or \$1.

One income item from that year read "from bail, \$128.25."

## Crew: Many hands make Regatta work

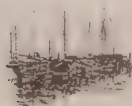
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worked in the food business. She is a member of the Astoria/Warrenton Chamber of Commerce ambassadors, the Astoria Regatta Association, the Columbia River Maritime Museum, and the Clatsop County Historical Society.

Her husband is Wallace Martens.



Jim Allen

**R**egatta Court chapter-one Jim Allen has lived in Knappa for more than 25 years. He owns L.J. Allen Construction. He and his wife, Mary, have four children, three of whom live in the area.



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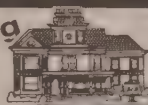
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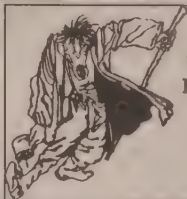


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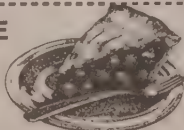
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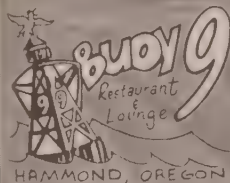


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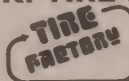
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**L**arry Perkins, parade grand marshal, is owner and president of Clatsop Distributing Co. of Astoria and Bay Ocean Beer and Wine of Tillamook. He serves on Bank of Astoria's board of directors and has been a board director of the Oregon Beer and Wine Association. In 1991, he served as president of the Astoria Golf and Country Club, and in 1986 he was president of the Astoria Regatta.

Clatsop Distributing Co. is involved in many local events. For the past 10 years it has been the major sponsor of an annual invitational golf tournament benefiting the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Perkins graduated from Medford High School and attended the University of Oregon. He served in the U.S. Army at Fort Benning, Ga. He and his wife, Shirley, have three daughters.

**T**his year's Grand Land parade will begin at noon Saturday, Aug. 13, and proceed down Commercial Street. Featured entries include Portland's Marshall High School Marching Band, the Clan Gordon Band of Tacoma, Wash., and Seattle's Seafair Pirates.

More than a dozen floats from the North Coast and the Northwest will participate in this year's parade, including representatives from festivals in Leavenworth, Marysville, Sequim, Olympia, Spokane and Port Angeles, Wash.

A new trophy category, for classic cars, has been added to the judging this year.

Grand marshals are Larry and Shirley Perkins.

**S**aturday's Twilight Boat Parade, sponsored by Englund Marine Supply, promises to be the biggest ever, with organizers hoping for at least 100 boats to commemorate the Regatta's centenary. A record number of visiting courts will ride along.

The parade forms off the West End Mooring Basin and proceeds upriver along Astoria's waterfront, led by the Harry S. Steinbock, the Port of Astoria's fireboat.

The reviewing platform will be at the 17th Street Dock with local bar pilot Paul Jackson announcing. On KAST 1230 AM radio, Dave Heick and Jack McGee will broadcast live coverage of the parade from aboard the MV Shamrock, which will also carry the Regatta court.

Trophies will be presented in

four categories: best of power, best of sail, best of classic and queen's choice. Winning entries receive dinner certificates for local restaurants and fenders donated by Bonar Plastics. Awards will be presented at noon Sunday, Aug. 14, at Regatta Square. Decorations are encouraged.

Members of the public are invited to ride aboard a charter boat, but space is limited and reservations are required. For more information,

contact Tiki Charters at the West End Mooring Basin or call 325-7818.

**K**iwanis Junior Regatta Parade will begin at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 11, by the U.S. Bank building, 987 Duane St., proceed down 14th Street and return to the bank. Children ages 3-12, their parents and non-powered vehicles are invited to participate. Ice cream will be served at the end of the parade.

## Regatta in Retrospect

In 1896, a Chinese delegation from San Francisco arrived to participate in the Grand Land parade with a silk dragon requiring 200 people to carry.

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# 'Regatta' captures festival spirit in song

Joe Melnikas went to the Astoria Regatta one fine summer day and then sat down and wrote a song about it.

"I've been going to Regattas for years," he said. "One year I was watching the Regatta and I was just completely part of the whole atmosphere. I got taken away like a zephyr."

"I wrote it in one day," the Everett, Wash., postman said of "Regatta," the title track of his new album by the same name. "I started it in downtown Astoria and finished it at the (Astoria) Column."

Melnikas, who used to sell produce in Astoria, did more than simply write a single pop-folk tune that is generously sprinkled with the name of the town that inspired it.

He went to a friend - teacher and mentor Royal Nebeker - and found a painting Nebeker had done that seemed to match his new song. It's a colorful painting - blue mostly - with white waves splashing against a yellow sailboat with red striped sails.

After picking out the art, Mel-

nikas connected Nebeker with Astoria Regatta officials who decided to use his painting on their promotional posters.

And Melnikas found the time to co-produce an album, which was released recently - in time for the centennial celebration of the Regatta.

"Regatta" is not the only Astoria-inspired tune on the compact disc.

Locals will recognize the title of "Columbian Cafe" as the name of a popular restaurant.

Melnikas also co-wrote several songs with his poetry teacher at Clatsop Community College, Shirley Tschuy, also known as chuino t'skai.

"My whole thing is to tell people that anything is possible with the help of your friends," Melnikas

says. "I have another saying, too. I say that I pray that before I die I will write one song that will stay in the hearts and minds of mankind forever."

"Regatta" is available at the Pier 11 Feed Store, Blue Note Records, Bach & Rock and the Columbia River Maritime Museum and at Cannes Cinema in Seaside.

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## Regatta in Retrospect



For 20 years, the annual Salmon Derby was a hugely popular end-of-summer event in Astoria.

It started in 1937 as a way to cap off Regatta festivities, but soon eclipsed the festival itself in popularity – and provided some much needed income to local merchants. The derby continued even in the years during and after World War II when there was no Regatta.

With gillnetting banned for the week, sport fishermen aboard as many as 3,500 boats reeled in 15,000-20,000 fish, averaging 25 pounds, between Altoona, Wash., and Buoy 10.

In 1952, top derby prizes were \$1,000 and \$500, with \$100 going to the skipper of the boat with the biggest fish caught each day.

All of this seemed too good to last for Astoria's tourist industry – and it lasted only until 1957, when the Legislature banned such events in the interest of maintaining salmon stocks.

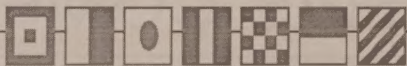
It may have been just as well. According to Bill McGregor, a founder of the derby, cheating had become a serious problem.



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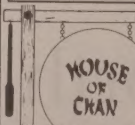
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The Portland Water Spectacular is the Northwest's premiere water ski show team. The team was recently named the Western Regional Ski show champions. Members perform 50 shows a year in the Northwest.

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Portland's Water Spectacular holds the West Coast record with an 18-person pyramid.

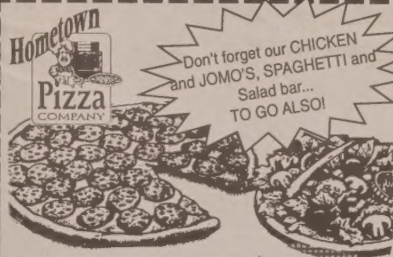
They also do a high-speed 'around the boats' act with as many as six skiers.

The adagio doubles, barefooting and grace and beauty of the Portland Water Spectacular will sweep you off your feet.



## Regatta in Retrospect

Aquatic acrobatics were featured entertainment in past Regattas. A group called the Sons of Neptune thrilled and amused crowds in 1939 with demonstrations of aquaplaning, a kind of water skiing on a single board instead of two skis. In addition to aquaplane competitions, the Sons of Neptune performed "comedy stunts" on aquaplanes, skis and surf boards. The 1939 program also promised "Comic diving and other comedy on barge and dock" throughout the day. At day's end, the Sons of Neptune performed an "aquatic demonstration with flares."



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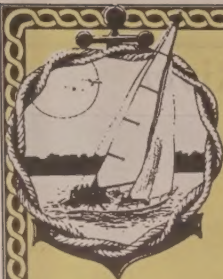
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